

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (amended): ~~The method for preparing a antimicrobial complex useful as a  $\Delta$  mouthwash containing a biocidal composition comprising a chlorhexidine-thymol complex prepared by a metathesis reaction between chlorhexidine and thymol, dentifrice, coating for a dental floss, or a protective coating for teeth by a metathesis reaction between a cationic biocidal monomer or polymer with an anionic biocidal monomer or polymer.~~

Claim 2 (withdrawn)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (withdrawn)

Claim 6 (withdrawn)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (withdrawn)

Claim 10 (withdrawn)

Claim 11 (withdrawn)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (withdrawn)

Claim 14 (withdrawn)

Claim 15 (withdrawn)

Claim 16 (withdrawn)

Claim 17 (withdrawn)

Claim 18 (withdrawn)

Claim 19 (withdrawn)

Claim 20 (withdrawn)

Claim 21 (new) The mouthwash of claim 1 further comprising a surfactant comprising Tego Betaine ZF.

Claim 22 (new) The mouthwash of claim 1 further comprising an excipient comprising ethanol.

Claim 23 (new) A mouthwash comprising:

- a) about 0.01 to about 1.5 wt.%, based on the weight of the mouthwash, of a biocidal composition comprising a chlorhexidine-thymol complex prepared by a metathesis reaction between chlorhexidine and thymol;
- b) about 0.25 to about 4.0 wt.%, based on the weight of the biocidal composition, of a surfactant comprising Tego Betaine ZF ;
- c) 0 to about 20 wt.% ethanol, based on the weight of the mouthwash; and
- d) the balance being water.